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For: SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR  
CREDIT TRANSACTION DATA  
TRANSMISSION

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2003 (Paper No. 5), Applicants respectfully submit the following arguments in the above-referenced application. As set forth below, Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) have been overcome.

**In the Claims:**

All pending claims are herewith presented for the convenience of the examiner.

**Claims 1 through 8 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.**

9. (ORIGINAL) An apparatus for transmitting credit transaction data over a communications medium comprising:

a protocol translator receiving the credit transaction data from one or more point of sale systems according to a transmission protocol; and

an encryption system coupled to the protocol translator, the encryption system receiving the credit transaction data from the protocol translator and encrypting the credit transaction data.